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FM USDEL JEC PARIS

TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JEC PARIS 28647

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, VS

SUBJECT: BIO INFORMATION ON VUONG VAN BAC, GVN AMBASSADOR IN
LONDON

REF: SAIGON: 18947

1. PRESENT PERSONNEL OF USDEL JEC WERE NOT IN PARIS
1968-1971. THUS INFORMATION IN THIS MESSAGE IS BASED ON
SOMEWHAT LIMITED OBSERVATION OF BAC DURING HIS PRESENCE
IN PARIS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN 1973 AS NOTED BELOW.

2. A RELIABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBER OF GVNDDEL TO
GVN/PRG BILATERALS REMARKED TO US SOME TIME AGO THAT
BAC HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING AN OUTSTANDING
INTERNATIONAL LAWYER AS WELL AS AN EXPERT CONSTITUTIONAL
LAWYER. SOURCE SAID THIS EXPLAINED WHY BAC WAS SENT
TO PARIS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS TO STRENGTHEN GVN DELEGATION:
IN JANUARY 1973 DURING FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATION OF PARIS
AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS; AGAIN AS A MEMBER OF GVN DELEGA-
TION TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM FEB 26-
MAR 2 (WHERE HE WAS GVN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DRAFTING
COMMITTEE); AND FINALLY DURING MAY-JUNE NEGOTIATIONS
LEADING UP TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 13.

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3. WE FOUND BAC TO BE GENIAL AND OUTGOING, WITH A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR, ALTHOUGH HE COULD BECOME TENSE AND EXCITED ON OCCASION. INTELLIGENT AND REALISTIC, HE WAS AN ABLE ADVOCATE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION BUT AT THE SAME TIME UNDERSTOOD WHEN COMPROMISE WAS NECESSARY. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

4. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY PARIS.
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